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A
LETTER
OF
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FROM THE
OFFICERS of the ARMY
IN
SCOTLAND,

DIRECTED
To the Honourable, the Speaker
of the Parliament of the Common-
wealth of England sitting at Westminster.

Wednesday the 18th of May 1659.

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*Tho. St Nicholas Clerk
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*For the Honorable the Speaker of
the Parliament of the Common-
wealth of England, Sitting at
Westminster.*

Right Honorable,



That a Nation may be born
in a day, is a Truth which
this days experience wit-
nesseth unto us against all
the Dictates of humane
Reason; and that a glorious
Cause, whose Interest was
laid low (even in the Dust)

should be in one day restored to its life and lustre;
when almost all the Assertors of it had so mani-
festly declin'd it, by a defection of many years,
cannot be imputed to less then the greatest and
most powerfull manifestation of the Arm of
God, that ever this, or former Generations saw

or

or heard of. In the sence of this (the greatest of our Temporal Mercies) we now come to Address to your Honors, as those whose presence we have so long wanted, that had you staid but a little longer, it might have been leit to be inquired what *England* was; we mean, what was become of that People, by whom God for so many years fill'd the World with so much Admiration and Terror. But though this great Work be (as most justly it ought to be) wonderfull in our eyes; yet when we consider its Author, who calls things that are not, as if they were, bringeth down to the Pit, and raiseth up again; we see that nothing is difficult to Faith, and the promises of God are sure and stable, even then, when in the eye of man no less then impossible. We cannot but acknowledge to our exceeding great sorrow and shame, that our selves, though we hope most of us, through weakness and frailty, (not out of Design) have very much contributed to those provocations, which have caused God to depart from our Israel; and we could heartily wish that even amongst those that help to make up your own number, there had not been an helping hand to this sad and deplorable work. But we see when Gods hour is come, and the time of his Peoples deliverance, (even the set time at hand) he cometh skipping over all the mountains of sin and unwor-

unworthiness that we daily cast in his way. We are not willing to detain your Honors too long upon this Subject, and therefore beseeching the God of all our Mercies, to heal the backslidings of his People, and not to charge unto their account, in this his day of their deliverance, their miscarriages, whilst they were wandering in dark and slippery places, after the imaginations of their own hearts; We with all humility and affection in the first place congratulate you in this your happy Restauration to the Government of these Nations, which God was once pleased so to own in your hands, as to make you both the Praise and Wonder of the Earth, the Glory and Rejoycing of his People, and the Terroure of your adversaries; and we acknowledge it a singular condescension in you, in this day of so great difficulties, to take upon you so heavy a burthen. And seeing his late Highness hath been pleased to manifest so much self-denial and love to his Countrey, in appearing for the Interest thereof against his own: We humbly intreat, That some speedy care may be taken for Him and His Family, (together with Her Highness Dowager) That there may be such an honorable provision settled upon them, and such other Dignities as are futable to the former great Services of that Family to these Nations.

And in the next place, we cannot but humbly

bly beseech you, now you have an opportunity, then which a sifter your hearts did never pray for, to finish the work of Reformation that hath been so long upon the wheel, and met with so great obstructions, that you would not heal the wound of the Daughter of Gods people slightly, but make so sure & lasting provision for both their Christian and Civil Rights, as that both this and future Generations may have cause to rise up, and call you blessed; and the blackest of Designs may never be able to cast dirt in your faces any more, and as helpfull to these two great concerns, Religion, and Liberty, we humbly propose unto your mature Consideration these two desires,

First, That you would be pleased to countenance Godliness and all the sincere professors thereof, encourage an able and laborious Ministry, and suffer no other yolk to be imposed upon the Consciences of Gods people, then what may be agreeable to the word of God; and that you would be a terrour to all impious, prophane and licentious people whatsoever.

Secondly, That you would so vindicate and assert the native Rights and Liberties of these Nations, in and by the Government of a Free State, that there may not be the voice of an oppressed one in our Land, but that all may enjoy the blessed fruits of your Righteous and
Peace-

Peaceable Government. And for the prevention of all possibility for Ambitious spirits ever to work their ends against you, we humbly desire you to be very careful, as well what persons you intrust with the management of the Armies and Navies of this Commonwealth, as of the measure of that Power and Authority you depart with to them, or substitute in them. Touching the Qualifications of the persons, we desire they may be truly Godly and Consciencious. Touching the measure of their Authority, that it may be adequate to the nature and being of a Commonwealth.

And whilest you are thus pleading and asserting the interest of God and his People, you may rest assured, with greatest confidence, that we shall appear in your defence, and the vindication of your Authority, against the opposition of all Arbitrary Powers whatsoever.

And to that blessed and All-powerful God, who is able to spirit you for this Great Work, you are and shall daily be recommended in the Prayers of,

*Your most Loyal and most
obedient Servants,*

George

<i>George Monck.</i>	<i>P. Crisp.</i>
<i>Thomas Reade.</i>	<i>Henry Brightman.</i>
<i>Ralph Cobbet.</i>	<i>Philip Watson.</i>
<i>Timothy Wilks.</i>	<i>Thomas Dean.</i>
<i>Robert Reade.</i>	<i>Jeremiah Smith.</i>
<i>John Clobberrey.</i>	<i>William Davis.</i>
<i>Abraham Holmes.</i>	<i>James Wright.</i>
<i>Henry Dorney.</i>	<i>Joseph Wallington.</i>
<i>Daniel Davison.</i>	<i>William Helling.</i>
<i>Richard Heath.</i>	<i>Ethelbert Morgan.</i>
<i>Mi. Richardson.</i>	<i>Robert Winter.</i>
<i>John Hubbelthorn.</i>	<i>John Paddon.</i>
<i>Thomas Johnson.</i>	<i>Anthony Newers.</i>

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